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Group Art Unit: **2612**

In re patent application of: **DiSilvestro et al.**

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Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified patent application. The fee has been calculated as shown below.

CLAIMS AS AMENDED

	Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest No. Paid For	Fee Calculation	Additional Fee
Total Claims	16	22	0 x 50	\$0.00
Independent Claims	3	3	0 X 200	\$0.00
Total Additional Fee Required				\$0.00

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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated June 30, 2006, please amend the above-
identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper;

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.